

Ann Macomber is  
dead, and is to  
be buried to-mor-  
row afternoon. Mr  
Bent is expected back  
to the funeral.  
Horo said that both  
Mr Hamilton and  
herself should be  
soon be taken -

I have written too  
much about my own  
affairs, in my letter,  
but your friendship  
is my reason, for you  
always inquire about  
the affairs of a friend,  
even when you are  
sick - I hope I  
shall hear about  
you, when Mrs  
Emerson returns.  
Love to your sister.  
Wm.

My dear Deborah,

I have not been unmindful of you  
the many weeks since I wrote to you - you have been  
more than ever in my thoughts, and I have longed to see  
you, and give you the poor offering of my sympathy. I am  
very anxious to hear from your self an account of your  
sister's health, for I have heard so many varying statements  
that I scarcely know what to believe. I heard from Mrs Pitt-  
erston that she was better, and would soon return to Boston,  
and that you had taken Caroline's school for a time. I  
did not know where the school was, till a day or two ago,  
and did not know where you were. I had not a mo-  
ment's time, in the vacation, to see you till the last day.  
I called Friday afternoon, at your sister's, to see if you  
would not ride home with me, and stay all night, and  
I found you had gone to Stonington, but had not the  
slightest idea that any sad event had called you there. So  
my dear Debra, as soon as you can conveniently, write me  
an account of yourself and yours, and particularly about  
Mrs Chapman, and, whatever the truth may be, you will  
have the sincere sympathy of a warm friend. Perhaps,  
you have, by this time, seen Mrs Weld & Mrs Emerson,  
who are now in Boston. Mrs Emerson said she would



see you, if you were any where in the country round - Perhaps, you may see Mr & Mrs Bent in Boston - They have been gone about a week, and, when they return, will bring Lydia and Charley with them - Mr Lee too is absent now, so that there is comparatively a small family here - Mrs Doubleday has had a very pleasant visitor here lately, Miss Minsh - I became very much attached to her during the short week she stayed here - I find no Debra in New Bedford - Your place will always be unsupplied, and I must be content with the pleasant memory of the time we have lived together so happily, and the hope of often meeting you again, and oh, "may we meet, where clouds shall cease to darken, and storms shall cease to conoulder."

I went to Nathua soon after my vacation commenced, and passed a very happy week with my brother - The services of his ordination were peculiarly interesting and touching - Mr Miles made the ordaining prayer, which was beautiful and impressive - Mr Ripley gave the charge - it was very interesting and a most beautiful piece of composition - beautiful, in the highest sense of the word - Mr Barrett gave a very plain and very excellent address to the people, which was much liked by all, and several orthodox clergymen were so much pleased, as to wish it could be given to their people - Mr Bartol's part was not so generally interesting, but it was full of feeling - Our good Dr Walker preached an excellent sermon, and looked very happy - The church is a beautiful little Grecian temple, situated in a grove, which is laid out as a cemetery, on the plan of Mount Auburn - 'tis a beautiful spot, such as I love to see for a grave yard - I found very



pleasant people in Nashua, and had some of the most beautiful walks in all the world - I was glad to find my brother so happy and so much loved by his people, and it is pleasant too to see the friendly feeling that exists among the different societies - each minister has a lot in the cemetery, and that seems to strengthen good feeling - I must not forget to tell you, who are so warm in the cause of temperance, that there was no wine at the ordination dinner, and that Samuel has given up the use of it - Very soon after his determination to give it up, he was invited out to dine three times, where wine was rather tempting - I believe the New Bedford people are going to invite Mr Putnam to deliver his wine lecture here - Our Society is quite flourishing, and is, I think, improving under Mr Peabody and Mr. Don - Our Sunday school is larger than it ever had, and our teachers meetings, which we have once a fortnight, on Saturday evenings, are more than ever interesting as well as improving -

Your friends here are as warmly attached as ever - Mrs Ricketson inquires for you with the greatest affection, and your little Betty Hathaway and Lizzy Horton always send love to you - Caroline Hathaway spends her mornings at school this term - The Double days speak of you often and very affectionately - I hoped we should see you before this in New Bedford - So, dearest Eliza, write soon, and let me know where you are and what you are doing - write and relieve my suspense - and believe me, now as ever,

Your true & loving friend,  
Abby.



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